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Hello again and welcome back to another round of "AR". Four weeks is too long of a break from doing this sheet. I feel like I'm out of the mainstream. This issue should be fun reading as it reviews the NWA PPV show as well as the goings on all weekend of a great get together, probably the largest get together (unofficial) of smart fans from all over the country. I usually get the best reviews of "AR" when I do these special issues so I hope I don't disappoint. Also, this issue marks the debut of a column by Scott Hudson who will review the Georgia mat scene in each issue of Arena Report. He's not the columnist I teased you with last ish. I decided to invite Scott to become a permanent fixture of this newsletter due to the fact that the NWA will be taping their TV shows exclusively from Gainesville, GA. Plus, Scott's writing talents were shown in his Georgia All-Star column a couple of issues ago that got rave reviews. It's my pleasure to welcome Scott aboard here at "AR". There is another tease to the new columnist in this issue. But it's written by that columnist. She is Marianne Ryan and her little piece in this issue says it all. I think you'll enjoy "Notes From The Parking Lot" very much. Her column will appear in the second issue of each month along with Mr. Mullin's "Clothesline" piece. What a combo. I'd like to welcome Marianne along as well. Evan Ginzburg's "A Piece of My Mind" and Mike Terry's "It's My 2-Cents" are in this ish as well. As you can see, I'm trying to add lots of variety to this publication to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

Next issue of "AR" will come from the Bayfront Center in St. Pete on 7/21 and the NWA. Jeff Bowdren and Dave Flaherty copped us front row seats for that one which headlines with Flair & Windham vs. Sting & Luger, and the Midnights vs. Steiners. (Looking forward to that one although I can see a sub for Stan Lane again. Why do they continue to book Midnights in Florida if Stan won't show? A question for another time.) Marianne will be by with her debut column and Jersey Joe Mullins returns after a one month replacement by Jubie Jay. (Who by the way, went to the Labor board and said I was taking advantage of a minor and not paying him enough. Hey Jersey, keep that future steroid freak away from these pages please.)

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Opening Match

David Sierra beat Dr. X in 10:04 with a sunset flip. The Doctor was Moondog Rex (Randy Culley). Sierra played the babyface. This was the dark match before the PPV rolled. Bad move as fans were bored senseless. -**

2nd Match

Brian Pillman pinned Buddy Landell in 9:49. Landell is a super heel. They

traded some great chops. Landell's chest was beet red. Buddy threw Brian over the top rope but Pillman pulled himself back in and mounted the top rope and scored with a flying bodypress. **¹⁴

3rd Match

Mike Rotunda downed Iron Sheik in 6:48. Talk about overweight, Sheik's belly-button weighs five pounds alone. He was walking around looking for "Gene" Mean. Wasn't as bad as it could have been. Sheik went for a double arm suplex but Mike reversed it into a backslide. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

4th Match

Doug Furnas used a belly-belly to beat Dutch Mantell at 11:16. Great leaping spots by Doug. They got screwed up doing the finish. Bout went too long. *

5th Match

Harley Race surprised Tommy Rich in 6:19. It surprised us too. Tommy took a great bump off a Race piledriver. Crowd wasn't into this battle between former NWA champs. Harley reversed a flying press by "Wildfire" for the win. Race was wearing his "King" trunks. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

US Tag Team Title

Midnight Express beat Southern Boys to retain the U.S. tag belts at 18:13. Best match I've seen all year and match of the year candidate. We expect this kind of work from the Midnights but when did the Southern Boys get this good? They really turned it up a few notches. The karate shtick between Smothers, Eaton, and Lane was great stuff. It's always interesting to watch Jim Cornette live. He orchestrates the match to a tee. As Steve Armstrong came off the ropes, Lane kicked him in the head and Eaton small packaged him for the victory. Better than any Midnight-R N R I've ever seen. ****³⁴

7th Match

Big Van Vader made his North American debut by squashing Tom Zenk in 2:12. Fans ate Vader up. He was awed and cheered like a face. Funny to see Z Man begging off at times. Vader won it with a splash. *

Tag Team Match

Steiner Brothers beat The Freebirds at 13:45. Good work throughout. Birds with another new look. Lots more makeup. Scott threw Hayes into the ropes, Michael tagged Garvin, and Scott gave Hayes the Frankensteiner. But Jimmy Jam nailed Scott with a DDT and covered for the pin. But ref didn't see the tag and made Garvin leave. Rick delivered an over the top belly to belly on Hayes and put Scott on top for the win. *** $\frac{1}{2}$

Six Man Tag Team

Paul Orndorff, Junkyard Dog, & El Gigante beat Arn Anderson, Barry Windham, & Sid Vicious via DQ in 8:47. Someone had a sign that said, "El Giandre". The giant did a great job with ring psychology as his facial expressions and his actions on the apron were great. He got great heat. He'll make it in this business with lots more ring training. Sid would be so over as a face, it isn't funny. You can't tell the difference between Junkyard selling and not selling. It looks the same. Heels got DQ'd when JYD was thrown over the top rope. Gigante came in and looked horrible but the Horsemen oversold like crazy. **

U.S. Heavyweight Championship

Lex Luger retained the title by pinning Mean Mark Callous in 12:06. Decent workrate for two big guys. Mark went for the heartpunch but Lex kicked him in the head. Luger then slugged Paul E who was on the ring apron

and clotheslined Callous for the win. **

World Tag Team Championship

Doom retained the belts by turning back the Rock N' Roll Express at 15:37. Crowd wasn't into this so much as everyone was anticipating the main event. Ricky Morton was working with a seperated shoulder. Robert Gibson punched Teddy Long who was in the ring, but Butch Reed leveled Gibson with a flying shoulder block from the top rope. ** $\frac{1}{2}$

World Heavyweight Championship

Sting pinned Ric Flair at 15:56 to become the new World Heavyweight Champion. The end of an era is upon us. The chops were flying as Sting's blistered chest will prove. The Horsemen tried a run in but the Dudes (not Dynamic) stopped them in their tracks. Flair went for a pin using his feet on the ropes but Scott Steiner pushed them off. As Ric went for the Figure four, Sting rolled him up in a small package and the place erupted. Great heat and as Pro Wrestling Torch's Wade Keller said, "I never saw as much noise in an arena including Hogan matches." *** $\frac{1}{2}$

Ramblings

This column will be a little different this issue as it will mainly focus on the going ons in Baltimore. But first, some tragic news..... Brutus Beefcake was involved in an accident on the shores of Tampa Bay on July 4th. He was out parasailing with Brian Blair and some other friends. He was working the ropes trying to get a woman up in the air when the woman's knees slammed into Brutus's face. I was told his face was shattered. It took 10 hours of reconstructive surgery and 10 plates were put into his forehead and face. He was listed in critical-stable condition over the weekend. It is doubtful he will ever wrestle again. To realize the impact of the blow, the woman's knees were both broken. Our prayers are with Ed Leslie and his family....Most of the people in B-More were glad to see the title finally change hands, but some, including Arena Reporter Bruce Grummert who I spoke with, said it was an emotional time. It looks like this was finally the end of Ric Flair as world champion..... This get together was the best of the five I attended. To list all the "smart" fans that were there would take another two pages. Newsletter editors Dave Meltzer, Wade Keller, Jeff Mullins, Vin Carolan, and soon to be editor, Klone were in attendance....As about 20 of us waited for our table at Sabatino's to be ready after the show, Flair and his wife walked in and we gave him an ovation. It was a class act and I'm sure the champ appreciated it..... We also toasted the Steiners, Sting, and Luger (led by the outgoing Jeff Mullins) as the best wrestlers in the best organization on the face of the earth. (Mullins idea.) Luger and Sting were more cordial in public than I've ever seen them. Sting is a little nervous about filling the Nature Boy's boots.....Ric Flair will not be going to Titan which was rumored if he dropped the strap.....Tony Shiavone's mother died a few days before the show. That is why Gordon Solie served as host.....Jim Herd & Jim Barneett were seated at the lower level about 8 rows up. Probably wanted to see reactions during the matches. Interesting to note that Herd was yawning during Midnight match. It figures.....Who would have thought three years ago that the Blade Runners would be our World Champions.....Thanks to Larry Katz for having Wade and myself on his radio show after the Bash. It was alot of fun and I look forward to being on again in the future.....Also, thanks to Greg and Sandy Scaldone who got us to the station on time even though we got lost and stopped by the Big Boss Man.....Although the first two nights didn't end until 3:30 a.m. for most of us, the best night was Sunday when all that was left was Dan Reilly, Chris Reilly, Wade, Jeff Mullins, Harry White, Klone, and myself. We sat in our room and laughed our heads off. It was also a brutally honest night as we let out our airs on everything. It was a sign that it was time to head home. I want to thank everyone there for a truly great weekend. It was good seeing everyone again and meeting new

A PIECE OF MY MIND BY EVAN GINZBURG

After going to two horrendous cards (NWA & WWF) in 7 days, my brain is particularly fried. This is one wired columnist, so look out for a piece of my mind...

Don Muraco vs. Bob Orton drew 125 on an Indie show- these guys used to sell out arenas- sad...S.D. Jones worked as a heel on same show- told he was so effective that small children fled in terror, and are developing lifelong fears of Antiguan males. Jones looks to be about 7 months pregnant at this point, and we'll keep you posted on both Cheryl Lemieux and S.D. Jones' upcoming deliveries...I actually sat through the following matches on the same card...Dino Bravo vs. Tugboat, Hacksaw vs. Earthquake and Brooklyn Brawler vs. Jim Brunzell- all I can say is thank heaven I write a nostalgia bulletin, because if I had to depend on today's wrestling for entertainment I'd be s--- out of luck...thanks to Ron Lemieux for allowing me this space to let out all my frustrations, hostilities and violent tendencies which I'd otherwise unleash on an unsuspecting society...Imagine the horror of traveling from N.Y. to Philly as I did recently and getting to see JYD (speaking of pregnant!) in the main event! (**OY VAY!**)...Maybe the reason the arenas don't have the line-ups when you call for info is because they **know** it's so bad that they don't want to discourage you from going...Boy, this column sounds kind of negative- let me think of something positive to say...**RIC FLAIR!**...now back to reality...Ever note that when a wrestler gets incredibly fat they say he's "bulking up" like it's some kind of wonderful achievement?...Did everyone hear Jerry Lawler attack Brian Tramel & Dave Meltzer on Cassette Wrestling News #32- pretty intense...Man do I ever miss Hulk Hogan (just kidding! Wanted to see if you were still paying attention!)...What's the beef with the Robocop angle? Hulk Hogan gets hit by 300 pound men flying off the top rope, landing on his head, and he gets up like he's Superman for years- if he's not a cartoon type character, who is? Robo's just taking the nonsense one step further...when Sammartino made a comeback in a bout it was realistic and intense...when I say stuff like that I feel **old!**...Horrifying sight of the month- going to an arena where a large crowd of WWf fans wielding styrofoam 2 X 4's yelled "Ho!" for Hacksaw. I think that most of their I.Q.'s are either 2 or 4...Now that there's Ringside Reflector pens, Arena Report caps, etc., how about a shirt with my Wrestling- Then & Now logo on front and something like "Wrestling Was Better in '75" on the back, or "I Remember JYD 100 pounds ago," or even "I Remember When the WWF Was Worth Watching!"...My next store neighbor looks just like Jimmy "Jam" Garvin-- unfortunately my next door neighbor's a 45 year old H.S. teacher with a heart condition. I think the "Jam" refers to his "jelly" belly...Contrary to rumors, JYD is not in the gym training with Ric Rude...The NWA should **never** run 2 cards a night- talent watered down as is attendance...Great to see Paul E. Dangerously back- there's a young guy to build a federation around- get the feud with Cornette going again- it'll be smokin'...Speaking of that CWN Lawler interview, Brian Tramel supposedly will be sending in a rebuttal regarding Lawler's comments; Lawler makes some memorable comments about the sheets and the "role" of editors in wrestling...He also refers to Siskel & Ebert as "fags" which rubbed me the wrong way because I was in bed with both of them and know this to be an absolute falsehood! (**JUST KIDDING! JUST KIDDING!**)...My buddy's car was having trouble & I missed a recent card I was planning on hitting; years ago I would have been devastated- now I just figure I saved a few bucks & don't let it bother me. Sad that wrestling's come to this...Can you believe the Bruiser & Bobo Brazil are **still** wrestling today? This is **not** a joke...It's very scary that the last NWA show I saw live was just as bad at the WWF ...For all the hardcore fans' complaints about Dusty Rhodes' NWA booking, back then when you went to a live card it was **hot**...I noticed that Rhodes' main-events with Savage have been incredibly short- isn't giving the fans their money's worth a priority any more or is just a matter of always taking the money and running like bandits?...What kind of guy calls a wrestling radio show 4 A.M. on a Saturday night?...I can see why the NWA is anxious torrid Flair of belt; he's only the best wrestler in the world...Wrestling Then & Now-PO Box 471-Oakland Gdns. Station Flushing N.Y. 11364 (\$1.25/6 for \$6)...Any comments on column? Send 'em in...Enjoy summer...

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GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

BRUUUUUTHERS AND SIIIIISTERS!!! Welcome to the first issue of the Georgia Wrestling Journal for "Arena Reports". We will cover the Peach State thoroughly in every edition of "A.R." from here on in. Let's start.

THE OMNI (06-17-90) N.W.A.: Buddy Landell drew Tracy Smothers in a bout with good heat *...Paul Orndorff pinned Dutch Mantell using the piledriver finish $\frac{1}{2}$ *...El Gigante defeated ElDiablo (David Sierra) using the bearhug finish in a match that we have already seen 1000 times $\frac{1}{4}$ *...Mean Mark with Paul E. at ringside pinned Johnny Ace using the heartpunch in a better than expected match $\frac{1}{4}$ *...Brian Pillman defeated Bam Bam Bigelow by DQ in basically the same match Bigelow had with Tommy Rich at Coastal Crush ** $\frac{1}{2}$...The RnR Express defeated The Midnight Express when Morton pinned Eaton in a great match ***...Scott Steiner pinned Arn Anderson in an upset ***...The Junkyard Dog and Lex Luger defeated Ric Flair and Barry Windham when Luger pinned Flair following a kneelift by "special referee" Mr. Wrestling II. Thunderbolt Patterson limped around ringside for the faces and Ole did the same for the heels. It was a BIG pop for the finish and, as Luger was in most of the way, the match was great. *** ATTENDANCE: 5700.

COBB COUNTY CIVIC CENTER (07-02-90) N.W.A. TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 14, 1990: NWA Pro Wrestling- Steiners over State Patrol...SST over Kyle and Barretta...Luger over Death Row...Landell over Tim Hughes...Birds over Parker and Henderson...RnR over Thor and Goff...Worldwide Wrestling- Orndorff over Wilson...Midnight Express over Defura and Steele...Pillman over Avery...Vicious over Faulkner... Luger over Burton...Windham and Arn Anderson over Cazana and Simpson (not Bart)...World Championship Wrestling- Luger over Carr...Birds over Southern Boys (Garvin pinned Smothers)...StarBlazer Horner over Kahn...Rich over Hansen by DQ followed by insane Hansen interview about "fine and suspension...Zenk over Arn by DQ following Horsemen and Dudes-With-Attitudes run-ins...Hayes over Smothers ending in a 4-way with Armstrong and Garvin run-in...RAMBLINGS: Truckdriver Norman debuted as a face using a stadium airhorn gimmick...Neither Flair nor Sting appeared on TV although both participated in an excellent dark match following the tapings...Georgia All-Star heartthrob Chris Walker had a try out and got over pretty good and wrestled a lot better than he ever has on G.A.W....Birds were announced as U.S. Tag Team Champs on W.C.W. but may have been a mistake...Steiners defeated Doom by DQ in a *** dark match...Bob "The Fightin' Firemen From Marietta" Armstrong did color with Lance on NWA Pro...The jobber Luger pins on WCW is a muscled up Hayes lookalike...Arn and Luger both still had their respective belts (World TV and U.S.).

ALLTOONA LANDING (07-04-90) G.A.W.: Dino Minelli pinned Steve Lawler on the beach with Lawler complaining that his shoulders weren't "in the sand"...Chris Walker pinned The Sheik Of Arabia...Bambi pinned Peggy Lee Leather...The Blue Ridge Hillbillies defeated Death Row...Billy Black defeated John "Bugman" Michaels in a "Barge Match" which was on barge in the lake with 1st in the lake losing...Nick Busick defeated Joel Deaton in a "Texas Bullrope Match" with Busick touching all 4 corners. ATTENDANCE: 225...RAMBLINGS: Randy Rose and Tony Zane have been fired from this group due to disciplinary out-of-ring problems.

THE LAST WORD...

"Now gentlemen, I respect both of you as athletes and I don't want any trouble."

-Solie to Flair & Sting

"This time, there won't be a rip off, I'll be the World Champion."

-Sting on the PPV

A TEASE OF A DIFFERENT SORT
By Marianne Ryan

After I started going to wrestling matches, it didn't take long for me to realize that not all of the excitement takes place in the ring. This was proved beyond a shadow of a doubt last August at SummerSlam. I left after the first match and spent the remainder of the evening sitting in the parking lot of the Meadowlands. I had a great time talking to the likes of Terry Taylor, Bret Hart and Jim Neidhart, Marty Jannetty, Jim Powers and Koko B Ware.

Since then, I have had some pretty interesting experiences with a lot of the wrestlers. There have been illicit evenings spent watching Arsenio Hall. And intimate dinners where that ever-so-special question-just how big is half a chicken-has been asked. Let us not forget romantic drives to faraway places which include having a bottle thrown at my windshield, from the wrestler sitting inside the car.

If any of these sound intriguing, fascinating, exciting, or tolerable enough to read about when there is absolutely nothing else to do, you are going to want to make sure you wait anxiously for your next copy of Arena Report. Thanks to Ron, I'll be able to share my thoughts, feelings and bizarre experiences with all of you. Just when you thought it was safe to pick up AR, along comes Notes From the Parking Lot, the second coming. Some of you may already be familiar with it, but for those who aren't, let me quote Ron from an prior AR, "Marianne does a great column." Gee thanks. I only hope I live up to that billing. But if not, I'm sure I'll hear about it. Until then...

Letters To "AR"

Fanzine Memorabilia II

I can't wait to go to a card now! I'll have my Arena Report cap and an "Ultimate Roider" T-shirt from Tape Update. They'll complete my smart fan wardrobe.

They'll look fashionable with my Wade Keller "Hot News/Hot Pants"! Sorry, I've just learned that those jeans are called "Hot Pants" not because they're colorful, but because they're stolen. It's too late to change them now, but I won't wear them again.

My RWRB Sushi sox are comfy, but they're odd and don't match. No matter, my Jon Gallagheroos cover them, "Shoes for your feet, pockets for your ticket stubs." Hey, they're tax deductible.

So I'm not late for anything, I'll strap on my "Matwatch Wristwatch". It not only tells time, but records exact times of daily highlights, i.e.: 6:23:14 a.m.-juiced...orange juice that is. 6:31:56 a.m. -made horrible face when brushing teeth with Crest-O.J. combo.

Finally, there's my Dave Meltzer 5-star classic "Underground Underwear"-Not for the casual Observer". The waistband has "Manufactured By Fruit of The Loom" typed on, but it's suspicious as the top of the "o's" are broken off.

Chris Martin
Springfield, IL

Feuding Sheets

I have a couple of comments on feuding sheets--While I don't condone it since for the most part it is counter productive, I especially abhor other sheets taking sides.

When Between The Ropes got slammed in Chokehold, I saw literally 2-3 mentions and thankfully nobody said anything like "That Dickhead Lance" or "Those Long Beach Thieves".

While it is ridiculous to even consider the wrestling underground as "One big happy family", it is certainly a Bobby Heenan family. When you subtract the hours of labor from the financial side of producing a newsletter or fanzine, the vast majority run in the red. Back stabbing is ultimately going to make your publication look facile and juvenile.

Jeff Cohen
Great Neck, NY

Dogs

So Junkfood Dod is once again in the national spotlight. You'd figure after all these years, JYD and Lassie would announce their engagement, but an affair with Butch Reed? Surely not. Rin Tin Tin or Astro (of Jetson's fame) I could believe, but not Reed. (Only because he hangs around with Peanut Head and Ron Simmons.) On to more important matters, keep Scott Hudson until Hell freezes over. The reports on NWA TV tapings from someone in Georgia are something I've wanted to see for a loooong time. Till the marriage of JFD and Astro, make mine "AR".

Tug Thompson
Parts Unknown

RL- Well, I guess your happy with the news that Scott will be appearing in each issue of "AR" with columns on the Georgia mat scene. By the way, your no relation to that other Tug guy are you?

Zine Talk

Before a recent card in Fayetteville, I stopped at a Shoney's for dinner. I was seated at the back of the restaurant and the only other people in the back were the Steiners and Norman just two tables away. I asked them if Ole had them babysitting Thunderbolt Patterson yet. They laughed and started telling me he was nothing but an old man that needed a wheelchair. I talked to them for about five minutes until they left. They told me Harley Race was coming in soon. As they left, I asked Norman about him becoming the truck driver. Rick Steiner said something about them having a new boss and I said, "Yeah, Ole." They asked me how I knew. I thought for a few seconds and answered, "I read a few things." They all smiled and Norman said, "Tell Meltzer hi!"

My personal highlight was after the show as Ric Flair, the Midnight Express and Jim Cornette were loading their gear in Flair's mercedes to drive back to Charlotte, Cornette spots me and hollers, "SUSHI". All the fans looked at us like we were crazy.

Mike Gunter
Raleigh, NC

RL- The reason Jim yelled that to Mike was because at an earlier show, Mike lent James E. his collection of RWRB Sushi. Wonder if we'll hear some of Mr. Mullins' material pop up on TBS.

He's Baaaaaack

Sorry to have disappointed yourself and your readership by not writing for a while. It's just that Zinger has gone and fallen in love (ugh!) with this 21 year old (not young enough for me man) Hot Love Babe From Hell. Not only is it harder to take over his mind, but he doesn't even eat, sleep, or breath wrestling anymore! He's not even going to let me run rampant in Baltimore. (Says he's too busy to go.)

Anyways, I tried with no luck to get a hold of my father figure and idol, Harry White for advice-so I'm asking you Ron, what the hell am I going to do? (By the way, for those of you who complain about such matters-I did mention the word "wrestling" in the above letter.)

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

RL- We're going to miss Jeff Zinger in B-more. (How are Harry, Zinger, and myself going to have our reunion.) As for you Travis, just as well. We don't need you getting in trouble with Girl again. Hey Ferk, if you ever meet this J.Z Travis at an arena, take care of him will you? Thanks.

It's My 2-Cents
by Mike Terry

In the NWA, things just get curiouser and curiouser, don't they? Most of my thoughts have already been expressed by other writers, but: I respect Rocky King's right to conduct his life as he pleases, but some things just shouldn't have a price. Arn Anderson is also particularly offensive. Thumbs down to TBS for allowing this racist rubbish to continue.....As the NWA TV production values continue to improve (thumbs up to Tony Shiavone), the entertainment value has taken a downward slide with the removal of the heel commentators. The commentary may have gotten silly now and then. but re-focusing should have come before removal. Bobby Heenan doesn't get cheered. That's because his character and comments are clearly targeted.

Remind me never to stop wherever Ralph Strangis and Donna Gagne buy their clothes. Maalox moments of the month: Strangis' and Lee Marshalls' unabashed hyping of an obviously inferior product: the AWA.

Buddy Landell appears to be on the Buddy Rose diet.....Don't expect Detroit News wrestling columnist M.L. Curly to be on the WWF's guest list after recently hinting that it might be fun to begin a "Don't Come Back Hulk" campaign.. my crystal ball is cloudy, but I seem to see Earthquake vs. Tugboat on the next Saturday Night's Main Event...just when it appears to be anchors away time for the dinghy one, the immortal battleship steams into port, saves Tugboat from the scrapheap, and sets up Summerslam.

I can't remember the last time I was so impressed with the WWF as with the show that featured the Hogan tribute & Amanda Ultimate Warrior. Sappy, but damn effective. And it's not even sweeps month!

Finally, is it just me, or do the Atlanta Braves always go into extra innings when they precede wrestling? By the way-do the Braves ever win? Until next month, it's my 2-cents.

Correspondent's Corner

Cumberland County Civic Center (NWA) Fayetteville, NC June 7, 1990
Correspondent: Mike Gunter

1) Brad Anderson beat Dutch Mantell with a sunset flip. How the once mighty have fallen. D- 2) Fatu over Itallian Stallion. D+ 3) Norman beat Cactus Jack. No good bumps. D 4) Tommy Rich pinned Samoan Savage with the Thesz press. C 5) Rock N' Roll Express beat Midnight Express with a double pin in a bout the fans thought was a title match. A fan tossed a drink on Cornette and was promptly tossed. B 6) Doom over Steiner Brothers as Reed pinned Scott after a double team. C+ 7) Junkyard Dog pinned Ric Flair in another bout fans thought was for the belt. ATT: 1,120

Raleigh County Civic Center (NWA) Beckley, WV June 9, 1990
Correspondent: Leonard Sims

1) Brad Anderson over Dutch Mantell. 2) Tom Zenk beat Samoan Savage. 3) Brian Pillman pinned Fatu. 4) Southern Boys over Midnight Express with a double pin. 5) Johnny Ace over Mark Callous. 6) Rock N' Roll Express beat Freebirds in a "Capital Punishment" match. Att: 1,500

Prairie Capital Convention Center (WWF) Springfield, IL June 14, 1990
Correspondent: Marianne Ryan

1) Haku beat Jim Brunzell. Haku looked bored and Brunzell looked like he doesn't enjoy doing jobs. 2) Rockers over Orient Express. 3) Barbarian beat Jimmy Snuka using the ropes. Barbie left his antlers in the dressing room due to Marianne's advice. Agent Tony Garea wasn't happy. 4) Jake Roberts beat

Bad News Brown in a horrible bout. 5) Shane Douglas pinned Brooklyn Brawler. Fans cheered Shane but Marianne doubts they knew who he was. 6) Tugboat beat Dino Bravo in a match no one cared about. 7) Dusty Rhodes and Sapphire beat Randy Savage and Sherri. Terrible wrestling wise but good for entertainment. At one point, Savage had Dusty in a sleeper and they both turned to watch a fight going on in the first row.

Providence Civic Center (WWF)

Providence, RI

June 15, 1990

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Akio Sato pinned Marty Jannetty in 14:06 when Fuji tripped Marty coming off the ropes. 2) Akeem beat Brady Boone with a splash at 8:54. 3) Jim Powers over Al Perez with a reverse pin in 11:52. 4) Shaun Michaels beat Pat Tanaka in a quick 1:27 as Shaun scored with a sunset flip. Jannetty and Sato joined in after for a brief four way. 5) Jake Roberts beat Bad News Brown via DQ in 9:48 when Brown headbutted the ref. 6) Paul Roma powerslammed Buddy Rose at 11:08. Best bout on card. 7) Rick Martel used a rol up and tights to pin Ronnie Garvin in 6:25. 8) Dusty Rhodes & Sapphire beat Randy Savage & Sherri at 10:25 when Sappy rolled up Sherri. Att: 2,500

State Fair Arena (NWA)

Birmingham, AL

June 20, 1990

Correspondent: Gina Holt

1) Samoan Swat Team beat Danny Davis & Star Blazer (Tim Horner). * $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Brian Pillman over Dutch Mantell. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 3) El Gigante pinned El Diablo. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 4) Brian Pillman over Bam Bam Bigelow via DQ. Brian took Johnny Ace's place who was there but ill. * 5) Mean Mark over Norman. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 6) Rock N' Roll Express downed Freebirds. *** 7) Barry Windham pinned Tommy Rich. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 8) Junkyard Dog pinned Arn Anderson after Sting hit Arn with a clothesline. Arn was a sub for Flair who was at a benefit for Jesse Helm in N.C. He sat at the prez's table. ***

Beaver Falls Middle School (IWA) Beaver Falls, PA

June 22, 1990

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Shane Douglas beat Thunderfoot #2 with a nifty move somewhat like a sunset flip but he grabbed his legs from the side. Hard to explain. Time was 19:22. C+ 2) Jules Strongbow beat Larry Cameron via DQ in 18:43 when the Lethal one threw Jules over the top rope. D 3) Cactus Jack beat T.C. Reynolds in 11:26. At one point, Cactus leveled Reynolds with a clothesline which sent T.C. out of the ring. A lady took smelling salts from her purse to try to bring him around. Jack looked great. B- 4) Ivan Koloff beat Manny Fernandez in a chain in 13:34. Manny was counted out when he took his strap off and ran. C+ 5) Derrick Dukes beat Sandy Beach at 6:55 with a flying body press from the top rope. C- Att: 800

UTC Arena (NWA)

Chattanooga, TN

June 24, 1990

Correspondent: David Williamson

1) El Gigante beat El Diablo with a bearhug. 2) Tracy Smothers over Dutch Mantell. 3) Brian Pillman beat Barry Horowitz with a flying body press. 4) Tommy Rich downed Jimmy Garvin via DQ. 5) Ricky Morton pinned Ron Simmons. 6) Rick Steiner beat Buddy Landell via DQ. 7) Junkyard Dog & Doug Furnas beat Ric Flair & Arn Anderson. Att: 2,500

Cambria War Memorial (WWF)

Johnstown, PA

June 27, 1990

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Koko Ware beat Genius with a DDT at 8:21. C 2) Paul Diamond powerslammed Ji

Brunzell in 9:27. C- 3) Barbarian used the ropes to defeat Jimmy Snuka in 13:03. Better bout between the two than their last Pittsburgh match. C+ 4) Demolition retained their belts turning back the Hart Foundation in 11:38. John was chanting "Beetlejuice" at Crush. Ax got a kick out of it. Bret had Smash rolled up but Ax clotheslined Hart and Smash scored the pin. B+ 5) Brutus Beefcake beat Mr. Perfect via DQ at 14:52 when Curt pushed Beefer into the ref. C+ 6) Hercules won by default over Al Perez who couldn't make it to the arena. 7) Ultimate Warrior pinned Rick Rude in 11:06 to retain the WWF title. C+ Att: 2,000

UIC Pavillion (NWA) Chicago, IL
Correspondent: Steve Sims

June 30, 1990

1) Star Blazer pinned Barry Horowitz with a sunset flip at 14:24. * 2) Tommy Rich used the Thesz press to beat Dutch Mantell at 10:06. Ref Nick Patrick was put over in this match. Makes sense. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 3) Mike Rotunda small packaged Buddy Landell in 10:30. Landell became the "Moon Man" again as Mike pantsed him. ** $\frac{1}{4}$ 4) Steiner Brothers beat Doom via DQ at 15:11 as Teddy Long was caught tossing a foreign object to Reed. *** $\frac{1}{4}$ 5) Junkyard Dog beat Arn Anderson with a headbutt that came out of nowhere. Dud 6) Lex Luger & Paul Orndorff over Ric Flair & Barry Windham in 23:37. Sting, who was at ringside, clotheslined Flair and Luger scored the pin. Att: 3,300

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people as well. If you want even more in depth coverage of the weekend, you just have to subscribe to Pro Wrestling Sushi. It is put out by Jeff Mullins at 1.00 per issue. His address is P.O. Box 36189, San Jose, CA 95158. It is sure to be a howl.....Onto other news... Eddie Gilbert was released from his NWA contract last Tuesday and showed up on the Memphis show this past Saturday. He worked an angle and he'll manage different heels until he can return to the ring. In a related note, Jerry Lawler is back to being a babyface.....Sgt. Slaughter is now a definite to return to Titan as a heel.... Kerry Von Erich also skedded to be in Omaha for Titan's tapings on 7/16. I won't hold my breath.....Ax no showed the WWF shows this past weekend but don't read into anything. He's actually to the point where he can work again.. Tito Santana will take Brutus's place through the month of July.....7/8 in Asbury Park for the NWA drew 1,700 for a Steiners clean win over Doom. Rick and Scott walked out with the belts but Teddy Long jumped into the ring and said it was a non-title match. So a day after their best show of the year, they revert back to screwing the fans.....Next Clash is set for 9/5 in Asheville called "Mountain Madness".....Starcade is set for St. Petersburg on 12/13 which is a Wednesday night. Why they can't do a weekend night, I'll never know.....Was looking at some old issues of Mat Results (which is one of my all time fave newsletters put out by Bob Closson) when I saw Drabble comic strips with a character named Cactus Jack. Some research by my buddy in Pittsburgh, John Lanigan shows that that's where Jack Foley got his idea for the Cactus Jack get up.....How much did Jeff Zinger pay Dennis Brent to get in the latest issue of "Wrestling Wrap Up".....Great to see Arena Reporters Mike Gunter and Ted Field in the last month due to their vacations to Orlando.. Wade Keller has a special offer to you "AR" readers that do not subscribe to Pro Wrestling Torch Weekly. Send him a dollar and he'll send you the next four issues of his sheet. That's right. Only a quarter an issue. Offer expires 8/1 so order now. Once you have, you'll be hooked. ...As a final note, I was overwhelmed by the praise this publication was getting in Baltimore. I guess after almost two years, Arena Report has made its niche in the wrestling fanzine business. I thank all of you who read this and I will continue to add new and different features to make "AR" even better. Take care and we'll see you in two weeks.

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